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JOHN WILLIAMSON LOWE.

1861-1917.

John W. Lowe was born in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, October 4, 1861. He was the son of the Rev. Thomas O. Lowe and Martha Harshman Lowe.

Mr. Lowe enjoyed excellent educational advantages and early developed a taste for the study of American history. When quite a young man he came to Chicago and by industry and business ability he made a name and a place for himself in the ranks of men of large affairs. He was a member of the firms of the Wayanoke and Patterson Coal Companies. Mr. Lowe was not a politician in the usual sense of the word but he was interested in public affairs. He was at one time one of the directors of the Chicago Public Library.

While Mr. Lowe was interested in American history generally he had a special interest in the history of the War of 1812-1814, the Second War with Great Britain. He had a fine collection of books and prints relating to this war and at the time of his death he was arranging for an exhibition of this material at the Art Institute under the auspices of the Caxton Club.

Mr. Lowe was fond of society and belonged to a number of social clubs in Chicago and vicinity. He was a member of the Chicago Club, the University Club, the Owentsia Club and the Saddle and Cycle Club. He was a member of Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution, the Sons of the War of 1812, and of the Illinois State Historical Society. He was for a time president of the Illinois Society of the War of 1812.

Mr. Lowe was a man of genial, social temperament, and of a pleasing personality. He was charitable, and did his

part toward relieving the sufferings of less fortunate people. He died at his home, 1446 Dearborn Parkway, Chicago, after a brief illness, on September 27, 1917. His venerable father, Rev. Thomas O. Lowe, survives him. Mr. Lowe also leaves a sister, Mrs. Ralph McKee, of New York.

Funeral services were held in Chicago, on September 28, and the remains were taken to his old home at Dayton, Ohio, where they were buried.

Hosts of friends testify to the worth of Mr. Lowe as a friend and as a citizen. He was a man who exemplified in his life and conduct what it means to be a true American. The world is richer for his having lived in it, and is the poorer by his passing away.